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TRUST FUNDS

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Fund Committee

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The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director on additional sources of funding and management of trust funds (UNEP/GC.16/24),

1. Takes note of the report on additional sources of funding and management of trust funds and the developments relating to trust funds administered by the Executive Director as described in his Annual Reports for 1989 and 1990 (UNEP/GC.16/2 and 3);

2. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions and other organizations that have increased their support to the programme by means of contributions to trust funds, specific counterpart activities and contributions in kind;

3. Notes with approval the establishment by the Executive Director since the fifteenth session of the Governing Council, under the authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, of technical co-operation trust funds, as follows:

(a) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries to Take Action for the Protection of the Ozone Layer under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, financed by the Government of Finland - until 31 December 1992;

(b) INFOTERRA Technical Co-operation Trust Fund, financed by the Government of the United States of America - until 31 December 1993;

(c) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of a Forestry Officer, financed by the Government of the United States of America - until 30 June 1991;

(d) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers, financed by the Government of Austria without a specific expiry date;

(e) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Financing of Professional Officers, financed by the Government of the Republic of Korea - until 31 December 1991;

(f) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in Developing Countries, financed by the Swedish International Development Agency - until 31 December 1991;

(g) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers, financed by the Government of France, without a specific expiry date;

(h) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Financing of Professional Officers, financed by the Government of Finland, without a specific expiry date;

(i) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Develop and Co-ordinate the Implementation of the Plan for the Survey, Assessment and Dealing with the Consequences of Environmental Damage Caused by Conflict Between Kuwait and Iraq;

(j) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for UNEP's Implementation of the Activities Funded by the Global Environmental Facility;

(k) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, financed by the Government of Sweden - until 31 December 1992;

4. Also notes with approval the extension by the Executive Director, under the authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, of technical co-operation trust funds, as follows:

(a) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for Activities in Developing Countries on Environmental Awareness and Machinery, financed by the Government of Germany - until 31 December 1992;

(b) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Support the Clearing-house Mechanism through Provision of Consultancies on Strategies for Dealing with Serious Environmental Problems, financed by the Government of Norway - until 31 December 1991;

(c) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries to Take Action for the Protection of the Ozone Layer under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, financed by the Government of Finland - until 31 December 1992;

(d) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Consultancies to Developing Countries, financed by the Government of Finland - until 31 December 1992;

(e) Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Promote Technical Co-operation and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material Management, financed by the Government of Sweden - until 31 December 1993;

5. Also notes with approval the change in name by the Executive Director under the authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, of the technical co-operation trust fund entitled Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Experts to UNEP/GRID, financed by the Government of Denmark - until 31 December 1992.

6. Further notes with approval the closure by the Executive Director of the following technical co-operation trust funds:

(a) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Experts to the UNEP Ozone Layer Secretariat, financed by the Government of the United States of America;

(b) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the control of Environmental Health Hazards and Promotion of Chemical Safety, financed by the Government of Germany;

(c) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Experts to UNEP to Assist in the Development and Implementation of Policy Response Options Related to Climate Change, financed by the Government of the Netherlands;

(d) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers, financed by the Government of Finland;

7. Approves, subject to the approval of the Secretary-General, the extension of general trust funds, as follows:

(a) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme - until 31 December 1993;

(b) Trust Fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora - until 31 December 1995;

(c) Trust Fund for the Environmental Training Network in Latin America and the Caribbean - until 31 December 1993;

8. Approves, subject to confirmation by the Governments concerned and the approval of the Secretary-General, the extension of general trust funds, as follows:

(a) Regional Seas Trust Fund for the Eastern African Region - until 31 December 1993;

(b) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas - until 31 December 1993;

(c) Regional Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - until 30 June 1993;

(d) Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution - until 31 December 1993;

(e) Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the West and Central African Region - until 31 December 1993;

(f) Trust Fund for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals - until 31 December 1993;

(g) Trust Fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer - until 31 March 1995;

(h) Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer - until 31 March 1995;

9. Notes with approval the establishment authorized by the Secretary-General of the general trust fund entitled Trust Fund for the Interim Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer from 1 January 1991 through 31 December 1993 and the request made to the Executive Director to act as treasurer of the Fund;

10. Invites Governments to continue and increase their support in the form of funds for the employment in the United Nations Environment Programme of additional staff, both Junior Professional Officers and senior staff, including staff from developing countries;

11. Also invites Governments to increase their financial support to specific activities within the programme provided that this increase is not at the expense of increased contributions to the Environment Fund;

12. Urges intergovernmental organizations, regional banks, non-governmental organizations and private corporations to increase their financial support to activities within the approved programme;

13. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the proliferation of trust funds administered by the United Nations Environment Programme, to examine the possibility of reducing through amalgamation the number of such funds and report thereon to the Council at its seventeenth regular session.